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Report of the Territorial Board of Prison Commissioners

For the Year 1877.

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John P. Hoyt.
Governor of The Territory of Arizona.
Sir.

The Board of Territorial Prison Commissioners have the honor to report to you for the Year ending December 31st 1877. as follows to wit: At the end of the year 1876. there was Ten prisoners confined at the Prison. there have been received during the present year Nine (9) and Four (4) discharged leaving now at the Prison Fifteen. the total number of Days being 4506. or about an average of 12⅓ prisoners for the Year. as ~~it~~ more fully appears by Report of Prisoners herewith marked Exhibit "A."

The prisoners have been employed generally at excavating and work on prison grounds. but have done some work on the outside. and have earned during the year the sum of $378.87/100 which by rule goes to the Credit of the Prison Labor Fund. The prisoners get a One fifteenth (1/15) of this amount $25.25/100 which is credited to each prisoner pro rata. which they can use to purchase such things as are not furnished them. The Labor Fund is used by the Superintendent under direction of the Board for repairs and fixtures around the prison. and there has been expended from this Fund during the Year the sum of $186.45/100 leaving balance of $167.17/100

Net for the Year. There was a balance in the Fund 1876. of $\$51\frac{70}{100}$ making total balance in the Labor Fund of $\$218\frac{87}{100}$. shown as follows. to wit:

Balance on hand 1876.		$51.70
Earned during the Year 1877.		378.87
Total on hand and earned.		$430.57
Amt credited Prisoners Fund.	$25.25	
" Expended by Supt	186.45	
" Cash balance on hand.	218.87	$430.57

The health of the prisoners has been good. the conduct excellent. only three breaches of discipline having occurred during the year.

There are Four Guards employed at the Prison paid at the rate of One Hundred Dollars per Month. One of which is designated as Warden and receives a prison ration in addition to his pay.

The prisoners are fed upon the ration basis. and all supplies of every Kind furnished are supplied by contract. given upon public notice. and upon very low terms as will be fully shown by the figures following:

The total expense of the Prison for the year 1877. has been Eleven thousand seven hundred and $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars. ($\$11,700\frac{65}{100}$) average cost of prisoner per day $\$2\frac{59\frac{1}{3}}{100}$. Expense of Board alone. $\$1556\frac{11}{100}$ average per prisoner per day. $34\frac{8}{15}$ cents, Cost of Clothing & Bedding $\$788\frac{86}{100}$. average per prisoner per day $17\frac{7}{15}$ cents. Total per

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day per prisoner for Board. Clothing and Bedding Fifty two cents-(52 cts). Total cost of Prison proper, including Board. Clothing Bedding. Medical Attendance Medicines. Wood. and Contingent Supplies. for the year has been. $\$4.113.\frac{21}{100}$. within a small fraction of Ninety one cents (91) per day per prisoner. The Contingent Supplies includes. Oil. lights. prison furniture. Shackles and chains. Tools. Kitchen & Stove furniture. Arms & Ammunition etc. etc. Total cost of Prison Officials. Supt. Guards. Secretary. Stationery & printing etc. has been $\$7.587.\frac{44}{100}$ average per day per prisoner $\$1.\frac{68\,73}{100}$. the cost of the Prison for Officers etc. being nearly double the cost of maintenance of Prisoners. but this expense must be borne. and the same expense incurred whether there be Fifty or Five prisoners.

The total expenses in which account is shown as follows:

Board of Prisoners.	$1.556.10	
Clothing & Bedding	785.86	
Contingent Supplies.	1.177.45	
Medical Attendance & Medicines	496.00	
Wood.	97.80	$4.113.21
Supt Salary. 1800$. Guards. 4385$.	$6.185.00	
Salary & per Diem of Commissioners.	724.00	
Salary of Secretary 400$ & Office Rent. 120$	520.00.	
Office Furniture for Prison	40.00	
Stationery and Printing	118.44	$ 7.587.44
	$11.700.65	$11.700.65

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The property on hand (Miscellaneous) is shown by report herewith marked Exhibit "B".

The Machinery Tools etc on hand. is shown by report herewith. marked Exhibit "C".

The Clothing and Bedding. on hand. is shown by report herewith. marked Exhibit "D".

Enclosed you will find copies of blanks used and rules for auditing Bills. etc marked. No 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6.

We would earnestly recommend that your excellency call the attention of our Delegate in Congress. to the fact. that in every Territory the Government has made appropriations to assist in building Territorial Prisons, that none has been made for Arizona. and request his best endeavor to get an appropriation for this purpose. That there are three United States prisoners now confined at the Territorial Prison. and the prison is nearly full. in fact its now more crowded than it should be - if there was money now to purchase material the work could all be done by the prisoners. and the labor made available. these matters are called to your attention. as whether its best to pay the money out for guards. (as it must be if more prisoners come than there be accommodation for.) or pay the money for building Cells. and if the Government will not make any appropriation we consider that as a matter of economy, that our next Legislature should make it. and ask that you in your message make such recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Finlay
Chairman of the Board.

Dated January 7th 1878.

H N Alexander
Secretary of the Board.